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Huncote.

Church Piece.

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The sum of 3*s.* 4*d.* a-year is received by the chapelwarden from the parish officers of Narborough as before mentioned. This township contributes one-third to the rates of Narborough church. The chapel has been ruined many years.

PARISH OF NEWBOLD VERDUN.

Newbold Verdun.

LORD CREWE'S SCHOOL.

Lord Crewe's School.

The particulars of this foundation have been given in our Twenty-third Report, p. 130, with the account of Lord Crewe's other extensive charities.

There is in this parish a school-house and school with a small garden, containing in the whole eight perches, which was purchased with the 30*l.* given by Lord Crewe for that purpose.

A schoolmaster resides in the house who was nominated by Sir Edmund Cradock Hartopp, bart., and the late John Pares, esq., then joint lords of the manor. The capital messuage and manor-house now belongs to Sir Edmund Cradock Hartopp, bart.

The master receives the annuity of 20*l.* a-year from Lord Crewe's trustees, out of which he is bound to do the repairs, as there is no other fund for the purpese. The buildings are now in a very bad state. The master teaches reading, writing, and accounts. The children who attend are very young, and but few in number.

MONTAGUE'S CHARITY.

Montague's Charity.

By indentures of lease and release, dated 12th and 13th June 1749, between Walter Barrs, of the one part, and Edward Wortley, esq., of Newbold Verdun, Joseph Cardale, clerk, rector, and Benjamin Thirlby, yeoman, of the other part, reciting that *James Montague*, by Will, gave to the use of the poor of Newbold 100*l.* and directed the same to be laid out in the purchase of lands, and that the said Edward Wortley and others had agreed with the said Walter Barrs for the purchase of the lands thereinafter mentioned, at the price of 114*l.*, the parish advancing 14*l.* to make up the purchase-money,—it is witnessed that the said Walter Barrs, in consideration of 100*l.*, the legacy aforesaid, paid to him by the said Edward Wortley, executor of the said James Montague, and of the sum of 14*l.* paid by the said Joseph Cardale and Benjamin Thirlby, being the public money of the said parish, granted and released to the said Edward Wortley and others, and their heirs, all those nineteen lands or parcels of ground, containing by estimation 2A. 2R. 19P. of arable land, lying in the fields of Newbold, in a place called the Little Field; also a close in Newbold, called the Bridge Close, reputed three acres; also nine lands, containing by estimation 4A. 0R. 10P., lying in a field in Newbold, called Whichlow Field; also eight lands or parcels of ground, containing by estimation 3A. 0R. 2P., lying in Newbold, in a field called Fortway Field; also two parcels of meadow ground, containing by estimation 1A. 1R. 30P. in Newbold, lying in a place called Hollingar Meadow, to hold the same to the said Edward Wortley and others, their heirs and assigns, in trust, to permit the churchwardens and overseers to receive the rents and profits thereof, and apply the same to the use of the poor of Newbold, according to the directions of the Will of the said James Montague. An account of the application to be yearly audited by the said Edward Wortley and his heirs, lords of the manor of Newbold, the said Joseph Cardale and his successors, rectors of Newbold, and the churchwardens of Newbold and their successors, on the Monday in Whitsun week.

By indentures of lease and release, dated the 19th and 20th October 1789, George Cardale, clerk (nephew and heir of Joseph Cardale, clerk, late rector of Newbold Verdun, the survivor of the trustees named in the above indenture), conveyed to Edmund Cradock Hartopp and Thomas Pares, lords of the manor of Newbold Verdun, Joseph Edmondson, clerk, rector, and Henry Sneap, George Hood, John Garland, John Wildman, and William Wildman, all proprietors of lands in Newbold, and their heirs, all the aforesaid premises, and by the same descriptions (except that the last mentioned two parcels of meadow are stated to contain only 1R. 30P.), to hold the same unto and to the use of the said several grantees and their heirs, upon the same trusts, verbatim, as in the former deed.

Sir Edmund Cradock Hartopp was the surviving trustee, and his heir-at-law is Sir Edmund Cradock Hartopp, of Kingston, in whom the appointment of new trustees is vested.

The open field has since been inclosed, and by the award, dated 2d December 1820, the Commissioners appointed by the Act of the 50th Geo. III. allotted to the "Trustees of Newbold Verdun Town Land," a parcel of land, lying in the Brascote field (No. 88.), containing 8A. 0R. 14P. bounded on or towards the south-east by an old inclosure belonging to Sir Edmund Cradock Hartopp and John Pares, and towards the west by the Brascote road, being in lieu of lands belonging to the said trustees in the said open fields. The land is now tithe free.

The parishioners built some cottages upon the bridge meadow part of the original purchased land, and which was not affected by the inclosure, from which time the rent and application of this charity is intimately connected with the following.

DONOR UNKNOWN.

Donor Unknown.

In the Returns of 1786, it is stated that the churchwarden and overseers were in possession of 25*l.*, the donor of which was unknown.

At a vestry meeting, holden 19th April 1792, in the presence of the rector and parishioners, it was ordered that 25*l.*, money left to be distributed among the industrious poor, should be

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applied for the building of four houses for the use of the poor upon the bridge meadow, subject to such rent as the inhabitants should agree, the extraordinary expenses attending the building to be advanced by a levy, but to be repaid as the rent of the poor's land should advance and become due. From this time 40 cwt. of coals were given away as the interest of the 25*l.*

Newbold Verdun.

Donor Unknown, *continued.*

By accounts afterwards entered 86*l.* 9*s.* 4½*d.* appears to have been the total cost of the building. In the year 1792 an oven, &c. was added, at the expense of 18*l.* 8*s.* 9½*d.*

The cottages were let at 4*l.* a-year to the parish, and the meadow and lands at 11*l.*

In 1811, the cost of the inclosure is entered as 60*l.* 11*s.*, which was paid by the tenant and repaid to him by instalments retained out of his rent until the year 1825.

From the time of the inclosure the rent was raised to 16*l.* per annum for the lands, and the cottages remained at 4*l.* per annum.

After paying the instalments, and interest, and property tax, there remained about 10*l.* 6*s.* per annum, to be distributed among the industrious poor, which was done according to the directions of the trustees. This residue gradually increased as the debt to Mr. Gilbert the tenant decreased.

In 1825 two new cottages were built adjoining the others, for which Mr. Gilbert advanced 25*l.*, which was added to the residue of the whole debt, to be repaid by instalments as in the former instance. This debt was finally liquidated in 1835.

The property was let to the same tenant at the same rent from 1811 to 1836, when Mr. Thomas Gilbert died, and it is now in the occupation of his son Thomas Gilbert at the same rent.

The sum of 4*l.* has been continued to be paid by the parish, until the payment was refused by the auditor of the Board of Guardians formed under the New Poor Law.

From 1832 to 1835 inclusive, a sum varying from 15*l.* 4*s.* to 18*l.* 11*s.* was given away in money amongst the poor of the parish, in sums varying from 3*s.* to 7*s.*

In 1836, 16*l.* of the rent of the land was distributed, together with 1*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* in hand from the former year.

The six cottages have small gardens, and will average to let about 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.* a-week each, the rents of which must in future be carried to the account of the charity, from the funds of which they were built.

PARISH OF NORTON BY TWYCROSS,

Norton by Twycross.

SCHOOL.—JENNENS'S CHARITY.

School—Jennens's Charity.

The children of Norton are allowed to attend the school at Twycross, supported in part by a payment left by the late *Charles Jennens*, esq., of Gopsal, See Twycross, page 219.

GLENN'S CHARITY.

Glenn's Charity.

William Glenn, of Bilston, by Will, dated 31st October 1730, left the sum of 16*l.* payable yearly, on the 16th September, out of lands called Hollis's Hills, in the hamlet of Bilston; viz. 20*s.* a-year to the clergyman of Norton, Congerston, and Shackerston, for preaching a sermon on the 16th September in the churches of those places in rotation;

£5 to the poor of Bilston;
£5 to the poor of Norton;
£2. 10*s.* to the poor of Congerston;
£2. 10*s.* to the poor of Shackerston;

to be distributed to the poor of the several places not receiving parish relief, and not possessed of 10*l.* a-year.

The property called Hollis's Hills now belongs to Earl Howe, having been purchased by his father from the family of Glenn, subject to these payments, which are regularly made.

In the parish of Norton 5*l.* is distributed annually, on the 16th September, amongst the industrious poor, not in the receipt of parochial relief.

Every third year the sum of 20*s.* is paid to the minister of Norton for preaching a sermon on the 16th of September as directed by the donor.

HAMLET OF BILSTON.

Bilston.

GLENN'S CHARITY.

Glenn's Charity.

In Bilston the like sum of 5*l.* is distributed annually by the farmers of the parish amongst the poor not in the receipt of regular weekly pay.

PARISH OF ORTON ON THE HILL.

Orton on the Hill.

STEEL'S CHARITY.

Steel's Charity.

John Steel, by Will, dated the 13th of March 1728-9, proved at Leicester on the 10th day of July 1730, gave and bequeathed to the poor inhabitants of Orton, the interest of 100*l.* to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of his executors, the said 100*l.* to be set out to interest by them.